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Thirty-third Meeting

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Held at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 18 February 2014, at 10 a.m.

Temporary Chair: Mr. Šimonović ..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chair: Mr. Prosor ..... (Israel)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chair**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, declared open the Thirty-third Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the main purpose of which was to elect, in accordance with Part IV of the Covenant, one member of the Human Rights Committee to replace Ms. Motoc, who had resigned with effect from 4 November 2013 and whose term was due to expire on 31 December 2014. He recalled that nine members of the Committee would be elected at the Thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties, to replace those members whose terms of office would expire on 31 December 2014, and another member would be elected to replace Mr. Matadeen, who had resigned with effect from 9 January 2014 and whose term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2016. The regular update on developments relating to the Covenant and the work of the Committee would also be provided at that Meeting, to be held on 24 June 2014.

Election of the Chair

2. **Ms. Roopnarine** (Trinidad and Tobago) nominated Mr. Prosor (Israel) for the office of Chair.

3. *Mr. Prosor (Israel) was elected Chair by acclamation.*

4. *Mr. Prosor (Israel) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/82)

5. *The agenda was adopted.*

6. **The Chair** drew attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure (CCPR/SP/2/Rev.1). Rule 2 provided that the credentials of representatives and the names of delegation members should be submitted to the Secretary-General not later than one week before a Meeting and that such credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The content of that rule had been communicated to States parties by the Secretary-General in his note of 10 February 2014, but a number of States parties had not yet submitted credentials. He suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the States parties in question should be entitled provisionally to participate in the Meeting. He urged those representatives to ensure that their credentials were submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

7. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers

8. **The Chair** said that Ms. Sutikno (Indonesia) and Ms. Cifligu (Albania) had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chair.

9. *Ms. Sutikno (Indonesia) and Ms. Cifligu (Albania) were elected Vice-Chairs by acclamation.*

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2014 (CCPR/SP/83)

10. **The Chair** said that, pursuant to article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General had declared the seat of Ms. Motoc (Romania) vacant following her resignation and, by note verbale of 22 November 2013, had invited the States parties to submit nominations to fill that vacancy. He drew attention to articles 29 to 31 of the Covenant, which concerned the election of members of the Human Rights Committee, and to the fact that the Human Rights Committee was currently composed of four women and 13 men. In its resolution 64/152, the General Assembly had reiterated that consideration should be given to equal representation of women and men by States parties in their nomination of members to the Human Rights Committee. He also drew attention to the list of candidates (CCPR/SP/83) and noted that Montenegro had withdrawn its candidate, Ms. Jelic, on 5 February 2014, and that Kazakhstan had withdrawn its candidate, Mr. Sarsembayev, on 6 February 2014, leaving a single candidate, Mr. Zlătescu from Romania. Therefore, in accordance with previous practice, he suggested that the Meeting should decide to dispense with a secret ballot and elect Mr. Zlătescu by acclamation.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. *Mr. Zlătescu (Romania) was elected a member of the Human Rights Committee by acclamation for the remainder of a term ending on 31 December 2014.*

Closure of the Meeting

13. **The Chair** declared closed the Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.